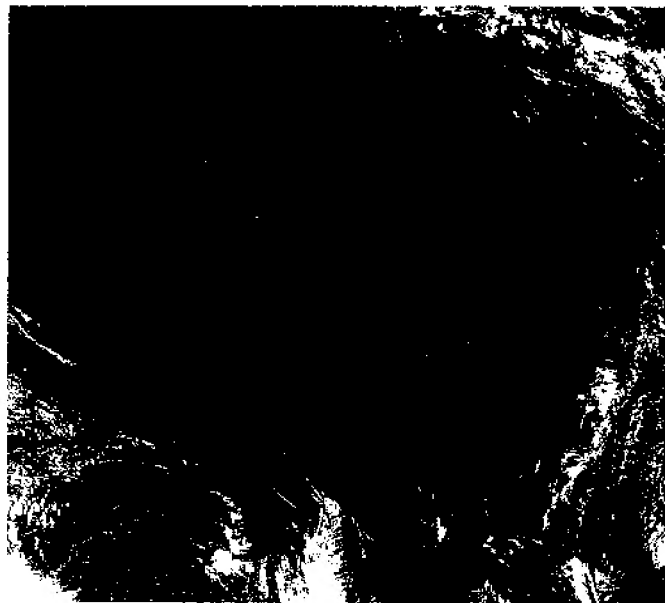




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at a glance



Australia comprises a land area of 7 682 300 square kilometres. The land lies between latitudes 10°41'S. (Cape York) and 43°39'S. (South Cape, Tasmania) and between longitudes 113°09'E. (Steep Point) and 153°39'E. (Cape Byron). The most southerly point on the mainland is South Point (Wilson's Promontory) 39°08'S.

Australia is composed of six States: New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, Western Australia, Tasmania and two Territories: Northern Territory, Australian Capital Territory.

<i>State/Territory</i>	<i>Area (<sup>1</sup>000 km<sup>2</sup>)</i>	<i>Population June 1992 (<sup>1</sup>000)</i>
New South Wales	802	5 959
Victoria	228	4 449
Queensland	1 727	3 030
South Australia	984	1 456
Western Australia	2 526	1 657
Tasmania	68	470
Northern Territory	1 346	167
Australian Capital Territory	12	**294
<b>Australia</b>	<b>7 682</b>	<b>17 483</b>

\* Excludes Jarvis Bay Territory. \*\* Includes Jarvis Bay Territory.

AGRICULTURE		1990-91	1991-92	1992-93p
Gross value of agriculture	\$m	21 159	20 861	21 547
Crops	\$m	9 075	9 866	10 418
Livestock slaughtering etc.	\$m	5 721	5 738	6 013
Livestock products	\$m	6 354	5 244	5 103
Wheat production	'000 t	15 066	10 557	15 105
Wool production	'000 t	843	736	732
Meat production (excl. poultry)	'000 t	2 741	2 794	2 823

BALANCE OF PAYMENTS		1990-91	1991-92	1992-93
Balance on current account	\$m	- 16 247	- 12 380	- 15 446
Balance of merchandise trade (BOP basis)	\$m	2 899	3 876	601
Net services	\$m	- 3 405	- 2 599	- 2 708
Net income	\$m	- 19 219	- 15 945	- 14 078
Net unrequited transfers	\$m	2 478	2 288	739
Balance on capital account	\$m	17 421	16 082	14 065
Total official	\$m	- 1 151	6 684	13 105
Total non-official	\$m	18 572	9 398	961

BUILDING		1990-91	1991-92	1992-93
New houses completed	'000	98	100	115
New other residential building completed	'000	37	33	41
Value of new residential building completed	\$m	11 657	11 284	13 194
Value of non-residential building completed	\$m	14 913	12 122	10 167

## FINANCE

Government finance		1989-90	1990-91	1991-92
Revenue (all governments)	\$m	134 019	138 487	135 539
Cwth income tax, persons	\$m	50 020	50 170	46 544
Other Cwth government taxes	\$m	41 239	43 191	40 660
State and local government taxes	\$m	24 352	26 068	27 869
Total outlay (all governments)	\$m	140 872	149 918	160 606
Final consumption expenditure	\$m	55 327	60 628	64 836
Personal benefit payments to residents	\$m	32 539	37 368	42 393
Expenditure on new fixed assets	\$m	21 884	21 989	21 414

Private finance		1990-91	1991-92	1992-93
Assets of financial institutions (June balances)				
Banks(a)	\$m	353 733	361 908	382 854
FCA corporations(a)(b)	\$m	131 153	122 091	111 851
Statutory funds of life offices	\$m	92 700	102 161	107 139
Superannuation & approved deposit funds	\$m	78 102	88 382	97 045
Public unit trusts	\$m	25 779	25 599	28 396
Friendly societies	\$m	8 282	8 988	9 182
Common funds	\$m	6 734	4 373	4 573
Cash management trusts	\$m	5 756	5 345	5 136
Consumer finance commitments				
Housing finance to individuals	\$m	20 776	28 538	36 811
Personal finance to individuals	\$m	20 242	19 598	20 682
Business finance commitments				
Commercial finance	\$m	87 294	76 645	86 694
Lease finance	\$m	5 209	4 477	5 009

(a) Source: Reserve Bank of Australia. (b) Includes corporations registered as categories A to G under the Financial Corporation Act, such as building societies, credit unions and money market corporations.

## CLIMATE

	Average annual rainfall (mm)	Average daily hours of sunshine	Average temperature			
			January		July	
			Max. °C	Min. °C	Max. °C	Min. °C
Canberra	632	7.5	27.7	12.9	11.1	-0.2
Sydney	1 227	6.8	25.8	18.5	16.1	7.9
Melbourne	858	5.7	25.7	14.0	13.3	5.8
Brisbane	1 201	7.9	29.2	20.9	20.6	9.4
Adelaide	530	6.9	28.5	16.6	14.9	7.5
Perth	868	7.9	29.7	17.9	17.4	9.0
Hobart	624	5.9	21.5	11.7	11.5	4.6
Darwin	1 659	8.4	31.7	24.8	30.4	19.3

Source: Bureau of Meteorology.

## CONSUMER PRICE AND OTHER PRICE INDEXES

		1990-91	1991-92	1992-93
Consumer price index				
weighted average of 8				
capital cities, all groups	1989-90=100.0	105.3	107.3	108.4
Export	1989-90=100.0	95.1	89.6	p93.5
Import	1989-90=100.0	103.2	102.7	p112.1
Building materials—house	1985-86=100.0	142.1	142.4	p145.2
Building materials—other	1979-80=100.0	243.7	245.2	p245.7
Manufacturing				
Materials used	1984-85=100.0	123.8	120.7	p126.6
Articles produced	1988-89=100.0	111.2	111.8	p114.3

## DEMOGRAPHY

		1990	1991	1992
Population at 30 June	'000	17 065.1	17 284.0	17 482.6
Aged less than 15	%	22.0	21.9	21.8
Aged 15-64	%	66.9	66.8	66.7
Aged 65 and over	%	11.1	11.3	11.5

## FOREIGN TRADE

		1990-91	1991-92	1992-93
Total exports, l.o.b.	\$m	52 399	55 026	60 773
Total imports, (customs value)	\$m	48 912	50 984	59 586
Percentage of total exports to				
Japan	%	27.4	26.5	25.0
ASEAN	%	12.1	13.2	14.2
EC	%	12.2	12.5	11.6
Percentage of total imports from				
Japan	%	18.1	18.2	18.7
USA	%	23.5	23.0	21.8
Major export commodities, f.o.b.				
Coal, coke and briquettes	\$m	6 481	6 948	7 621
Metalliferous ores and metal	\$m	8 296	7 639	7 574
Machinery and transport equipment	\$m	4 630	5 033	6 409
Gold, non-monetary	\$m	3 672	4 023	4 315
Non-ferrous metals	\$m	3 758	3 557	3 987
Meat of sheep, goats and bovine	\$m	2 969	3 198	3 455
Wool, not carded/combed	\$m	2 807	3 462	2 981
Wheat	\$m	1 696	1 510	1 979
Major import commodities (customs value)				
Machinery	\$m	14 073	14 687	17 590
Transport equipment	\$m	7 615	7 308	8 319
Chemicals and related products	\$m	5 118	5 575	6 624

## HEALTH

		1990	1991	1992
<b>Beds at 30 June</b>				
Recognised (public) hospitals	no.	63 574	64 592	56 276
Private hospitals	no.	21 909	22 312	21 974
Day hospital facilities	no.	331	507	561
All beds	no.	85 814	87 411	78 811
Beds	per '000 population	5.0	5.0	4.5

## Hospitals at 30 June

Recognised (public) hospitals	no.	702	705	706
Private hospitals	no.	330	324	320
Day hospital facilities	no.	40	60	78
All hospitals	no.	1 072	1 089	1 104

Source: Department of Health, Housing, Local Government and Community Services.

Births	'000	263	257	264
Overseas born mothers	%	24.2	24.0	24.2
Australian born mothers	%	75.8	76.0	75.8
Deaths	'000	120	119	124
Marriages	'000	117	114	115
Divorces	'000	43	46	46

Overseas movements		1990-91	1991-92	1992-93
Net permanent and long-term movement	'000	95	90	63
Visitor arrivals, short-term	'000	2 227	2 520	2 786
Resident departures, short-term	'000	2 116	2 174	2 300

EDUCATION		1990	1991	1992
School students				
Government	'000	2 193.3	2 217.2	2 234.1
Non-government	'000	648.3	857.9	864.9
Total	'000	3 041.7	3 075.1	3 099.0
Technical & further education students(a)	'000	1 489.3	1 554.1	1 743.9
Higher education students(b)	'000	485.1	534.5	559.4

(a) Source: National Centre for Vocational Education Research Limited.

(b) Source: Department of Employment, Education and Training.

EXCHANGE RATES (average)		1990-91	1991-92	1992-93
United States dollar	units per \$A	0.7853	0.7694	0.7030
United Kingdom pound	units per \$A	0.4240	0.4381	0.4363
German mark	units per \$A	1.248	1.274	1.103
Japanese yen	units per \$A	107.60	100.97	84.22

Source: Exchange rates are derived using rates provided by the Reserve Bank of Australia in respect of each trading day.

#### Major causes of death

Heart disease	no.	38 196	37 408	38 877
Malignant neoplasms (cancer)	no.	30 464	31 285	32 033
Cerebrovascular disease (stroke)	no.	12 085	11 883	11 988
Respiratory disease	no.	9 001	8 906	10 068
Accidents	no.	5 204	4 797	4 678
Suicide	no.	2 161	2 360	2 294
Total deaths	no.	120 062	119 146	123 660

#### INTERNATIONAL COMPARISONS 1991-92

Country	Balance on merchandise trade (\$ US mill.)	Consumer price index (all items)(a) (1985=100.0)	Producer price index (1985=100.0)
Australia	3 021	153.8	140.1
Canada	9 256	134.6	108.8
France	1 834	124.3	104.7
Germany	17 905	117.6	106.9
Italy	- 13 243	150.7	122.7
Japan	93 358	112.9	96.3
NZ	1 295	163.1	130.7
OECD Major 7		129.9	112.7
UK	- 26 380	147.6	135.7
USA	- 70 972	132.5	116.8

(a) 1992-93.